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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: John Ernest Sims

Docket No.: 2976-D

Serial No.: -- to be assigned --

Examiner Prior application: F. M. Hamud

(Continuation of Serial No. 10/046,060)

Filed: May 3, 2004

Art Unit prior application: 1647

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the time for filing this Continuation in response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, for serial no. 10/046,060, be extended for a period of three months to May 3, 2004. A Continuation application is being filed concurrently with this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$950.00 and any other fee occasioned by this response to Deposit Account No. 09-0089. A copy of this Petition is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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